

Appl. No. 10/732,998
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REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 22, 2006. By this Amendment, Applicants have amended the claims as discussed during the telephone interview. No new matter has been added.

I. Election/Restriction

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants have canceled claims 28-35 from the present application, and have filed a divisional application to pursue these claims.

II. Claim Objections

Claims 1 and 22 have been amended to overcome the objections raised by the Examiner

III. Obviousness Rejections

Independent claims 1, 8 and 13 have been amended as discussed during the interview and as outlined in the "Substance of Interview" above. In view of these amendments, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the obviousness rejections of the pending claims.

IV. Conclusion

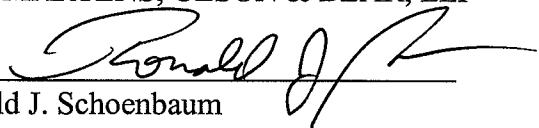
In view of the foregoing amendments, Substance of Interview and remarks, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance.

If any issues remain which can potentially be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record at his direct dial number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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